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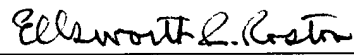
The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to correct informalities noted in this paragraph. The claims have been amended to correct informalities noted by applicants' attorney in the claims. None of the changes in the specification and claims is believed to constitute new matter since the changes are supported by the application as originally filed.

Favorable action by the Examiner in this application is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings To Show Changes Made**".

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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This is a continuation-in-part application of application No. [] 10/010,300 filed on December 5, 2001, for a METHOD, SOFTWARE PRODUCT, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING MULTIPLE CHANNELS OF TRAVEL SERVICES and listing Vajid Husain Jafri, Christopher John [Hohn] Hanson, Vipin Kumar and Sajid Husain Jafri as joint inventors and assigned of record to the assignee of record of this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A method of presenting offers of travel services comprising:
 - a. providing a client computer having a human interface;
 - b. inputting via the human interface, a request for details of travel services, the request being in a format intelligible to a global distribution center (GDS);
 - c. sending a first copy of the request to the GDS;
 - d. sending, through the Internet, a second copy of the request to a server computer;
 - e. receiving, from the GDS, a first details of travel services;

- 5 f. receiving, via the Internet, from the server computer a second details of
travel services, the second details of travel services having been received by
the server computer in response to a supplier request, from the server
computer to a supplier, wherein the supplier request is composed
responsive to a data content of the request for services; and
- g. outputting, via the human interface, a representation of the first and the
second details of travel services.

26. A method of providing at a processing station an indication o[r]f a minimal price
for a transaction, including the steps of:

 providing prices for the transaction at the processing station from a plurality of first
sources offering established and published prices for the transaction,

5 providing for the transmission of the published prices from the first sources to the
processing station through a wide area network,

 [providing for the transmission of the published prices from the first sources to the
processing station through a wide area network,]

10 providing from the first sources prices discounted for the transactions from the
published prices fro[r]m the first sources,

providing for the transmission of the [published] discounted prices from the first sources to the processing station through the network, and

displaying the published prices from the first source and the discounted prices from the first source simultaneously on a display screen at the processing station.

5 27. A method as set forth in claim 2[8]6 wherein
the published prices for the transactions are provided with a first protocol and
wherein
the discounted prices for the transactions are provided with a second protocol
different from the first protocol and wherein
10 the first and second protocols are made compatible and wherein
the published prices and the discounted prices in the compatible format are
displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

28. A method as set forth in claim 2[8]6, including the steps of:
providing prices for the transaction at the processing station from at least one
second source offering published prices for the second source, the second source being different
from the first source,
5 providing for the transmission of the published prices from the at least one second
source to the processing station through the [i]Internet, and

displaying the published prices from the at least one second source on the display screen simultaneously with the display of the published prices and the discounted prices from the first sources.

29. A method as set forth in claim 28 wherein

5 the published prices from the at least one second source is provided with a protocol different from one of the first and second protocols and wherein

the protocol from the at least one second sources is made compatible with the compatible first and second protocols and wherein

10 the published prices and discount prices from the first sources and the published price from the at least one second source, in the compatible protocol [format], are displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

30. A method as set forth in claim [31] 29 wherein

the published prices from the first sources in the compatible format are displayed on a first portion of the display screen and wherein

5 the discounted prices from the first sources, and the published prices from the at least one second source, are displayed in the compatible format on a second portion of the display screen.

32. A method as set forth in claim [33] 31, including the steps of:
providing a printer at the legacy server, and
printing a ticket in the printer at the legacy server a ticket providing for the
performance of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular
5 transaction.

33. A method as set forth in claim [33] 31 wherein
the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first
protocol and wherein
5 the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first
protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual
transactions in the compatible protocol.

34. A method as set forth in claim [36] 31 wherein
the indications of [the] legacy transactions are provided to the database at the
processing station through [the] a wide area network and wherein
the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the [i]Internet
5 to the database at the processing station.

35. A method as set forth in claim [33] 31 wherein
the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular
originating location and a particular destination and wherein
the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system
including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major
airlines and wherein
the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines
other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

36. A method as set forth in claim [37] 35 wherein
the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first
protocol and wherein
the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first
protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual
transactions in the compatible protocol and wherein
the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the
processing station through a wide area network and wherein
the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the [i]Internet
to the database at the processing station and wherein

the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular
originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system,
including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major

5 airlines and wherein

the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines
other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

37. A method as set forth in claim [33]31, including the steps of:

providing an accounting application at the legacy server, and

operating the accounting application at the legacy server to provide an accounting
record of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction

5 and to provide an accounting record of the price of the selected one of the transactions.

38. A method of providing at a processing station for a billing of a particular

transaction, including the steps of:

providing legacy transactions and the price of performing the legacy transactions,

providing individual transactions and the price of performing the individual

5 transactions,

providing a local area network and a printer at the processing station,

providing at the processing station a database for storing volatile information including a selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions and the price of performing the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions as the particular transaction,

providing for the passage through the [i]Internet to the printer of the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions as the particular transaction and of the price for performing the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions, and

printing at the printer the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions and the cost of performing the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions.

39. A method as set forth in claim [40] 38 wherein the legacy transactions and the price of performing the legacy transactions are transmitted to the processing station through a wide area network and wherein the individual transactions and the price of performing the individual transactions are transmitted to the processing station through the [i]Internet.

40. A method as set forth in claim [40] 38 wherein
the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol and wherein
the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station.

41. A method as set forth in claim [40] 38 wherein
the legacy transactions and the price for performing the legacy transactions are
displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein
the individual transactions and the prices for performing the individual
5 transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

42. A method as set forth in claim [41] 39 wherein
the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol and wherein
the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station and
5 wherein
the legacy transactions and the price for performing the legacy transactions are
displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein
the individual transactions and the prices for performing the individual
transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

44. In a method as set forth in claim [45] 43 wherein
the indications of the legacy transactions are in a first protocol and the indications
of the individual transactions are in a second protocol,
the steps of:
5 making the first and second protocols compatible with each other, and
selecting in the compatible protocol one of the legacy transactions and the
individual transactions as the particular transaction.

45. In a method as set forth in claim [45] 43, the steps of:
receiving the indications of the legacy transactions through a wide area network at
the database of the processing station, and
receiving the indications of the individual transactions through the internet at the
5 database of the processing station.

46. In a method as set forth in claim [45] 43 wherein
the legacy indications and the individual indications are for an airplane flight on a
particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the legacy indications are provided by a global distribution system representing several of the primary airlines and wherein

the individual indications are provided by other airlines than the primary airlines.

47. In a method as set forth in claim [45] 43 wherein

the legacy indications and the individual indications are for an airplane flight on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the indications of the legacy flights are provided by a global distribution system
5 representing several of the primary airlines and the legacy indications are provided for airline flights at established and published prices and wherein

the individual indications are provided by the airlines in the global distribution system for the airline flights at prices discounted from the established and published prices.

48. In a method as set forth in claim [45] 43 wherein

the legacy indications and the individual indications are for an airplane flight on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the indications of the legacy flights are provided by a global distribution system
5 representing several of the primary airlines and the legacy indications are provided for airline flights at established and published prices and wherein

the individual indications are provided by consolidators who purchase blocks of

airline tickets at prices discounted from the established and published prices and offer these tickets to the public at prices which are between the established and published prices and the discounted prices.

49. In a method as set forth in claim [46] 44, including the steps of:

receiving the indications of the legacy transactions through a wide area network at the database of the processing station,

receiving the indications of the individual transactions through the [i]Internet at the database of the processing station wherein

the legacy indications and the individual indications are for an airplane flight on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein the legacy indications are provided by a global distribution system representing several of the primary airlines and wherein

the individual indications are provided by other airlines than the primary airlines.

50. In a method as set forth in claim [46] 44, including the steps of:

receiving the indications of the legacy transactions through a wide area network at the database of the processing station,

receiving the indications of the individual transactions through the [i]Internet at the database of the processing station wherein

the legacy indications and the individual indications are for an airplane flight on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the indications of the legacy flights are provided by a global distribution system representing several of the primary airlines and the legacy indications are provided for airline

5 flights at established and published prices and wherein

the individual indications are provided by the airlines in the global distribution system for the airline flights at prices discounted from the established and published prices.

51. In a method as set forth in claim [46] 44, including the steps of:

receiving the indications of the legacy transactions through a wide area network at the database of the processing station,

5 receiving the indications of the individual transactions through the Internet at the database of the processing station wherein

the legacy indications and the individual indications are for an airplane flight on a particular date between a particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

the indications of the legacy flights are provided by a global distribution system representing several of the primary airlines and the legacy indications are provided for airline

10 flights at established and published prices and wherein

the individual indications are provided by consolidators who purchase blocks of airline tickets at prices discounted from the established and published prices and offer these tickets to the public at prices which are between the established and published prices and the discounted prices.

53. In a method as set forth in claim [54] 52 wherein
some of the transactions in the plurality are legacy transactions provided through a wide area network to the gateway at the processing station and others of the transactions in the plurality are provided to the gateway in the processing station through the [i]Internet.

54. In a method as set forth in claim [54] 52 wherein
the indication of one of the transactions in the plurality is provided to the printer at the processing station through a local area network when the printer at the processing center is selected by the database and wherein

5 the indication of the specific one of the transactions in the printer as the transaction is provided at the premises of the issuer through the local area network, a gateway at the processing station and a wide area network when the printer at the premises of the issuer is selected by the database.

55. A method as set forth in claim [54] 52 wherein
the transactions in the plurality are airline flights on a particular day between a
particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein
some of the airline flights in the plurality are provided by a legacy server which
5 represents some of the primary airlines and which quotes established and published prices and
wherein others of the airline flights in the plurality are provided by airlines other than the primary
airlines in the legacy server or are provided by the primary airlines offering prices discounted
from the established and published prices.

56. In a method as set forth in claim [55] 53 wherein
the indication of one of the transactions in the plurality is provided to the printer
at the processing station as the particular transaction through a local area network when the
printer at the processing center is selected by the database and wherein
5 the indication of the specific one of the transactions in the printer at the specific
one of the transactions is provided at the premises of the issuer through the local area network, a
gateway at the processing station and a wide area network when the printer at the premises of the
issuer is selected by the database and wherein

the transactions in the plurality are airline flights on a particular day between a
10 particular originating location and a particular destination and wherein

some of the airline flights in the plurality are provided by a legacy server representing some of the primary airlines and which quote established and published prices and wherein others of the airline flights in the plurality are provided by airlines other than the primary airlines in the legacy server or are provided by the primary airlines offering prices discounted from the established and published prices.

57. An article of manufacture comprising:

at least one computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied jointly or severally thereon for causing a plurality of computers to perform the acts of:

- a. providing a human interface;
- b. inputting via the human interface, a request for details of travel services, the request being in a format intelligible to a global distribution system (GDS);
- c. sending a first copy of the request to the GDS;
- d. sending, through Internet, a second copy of the request to a server computer;
- e. receiving, from the GDS, a first details of travel services;
- f. receiving, via Internet, from the server computer, a second details of travel services, the second details of travel services having been received by the server computer in response to at least one web response received by the

server computer in response to a web request, from the server computer, to
a web site, wherein the web request is composed responsive to a data
content of the request for services;
and

- 5 g. outputting, via the human interface, a representation of the first and the
second details of travel services.

58. A computer system for presenting travel industry services comprising:

a client computer;

and

a server computer communicating with the client

5 computer using Internet;

wherein the server computer and the client computer

cooperatively exchange data and execute

instructions for:

- a. providing a human interface;
- 10 b. inputting via the human interface, a request for details of travel services,
the request being in a format intelligible to a global distribution system
(GDS);
- c. sending a first copy of the request to the GDS;

- d. sending, through Internet, a second copy of the request to a server computer;
- e. receiving, from the GDS, a first details of travel services;
- f. receiving, via Internet, from the server computer, a second details of travel services, the second details of travels services having been received by the server computer in response to at least one web response received by the server computer in response to a web request, from the server computer, to a web site, wherein the web request is composed responsive to a data content of the request for services; and
- g. outputting, via the human interface, a representation of the first and the second details of travel services.